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Ms. R. Aston Wall, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Wall:

It was great hearing that you and your organization are continuing to provide new and innovative programs that can bring attention to the latest issues involving our young, by way of bringing youth and community together through inter-generational activities, education and the arts. I was certainly glad to learn that combating abuse and bullying were at the top of your list of ... "Things to Do".

Abuse awareness is, indeed, one of the most important issues of our times that concerns and plagues our youth; and yes, it should be the role of the elders to help them in fighting it. There is no question about the fact that abuse of all kinds has expanded and is continuing to grow, because of its ability to change at a moment's notice; thus rendering it unrecognizable. The sad thing is, however, what is becoming increasingly apparent is that it is first being learned at home. You and your organization, COLLOQUIUM DEPOT, LTD., are to be complimented for your suggested plan to combat abuse by creating abuse awareness projects that can help give it a face.

I've also notice that you have expanded your experience base to include: program development for the at risk population using writing and performance as educational tools; playwriting commissions and teaching artist residences; workshop facilitation around youth and educational issues; educational staff training; publications; basic educational programming for ex-offender, substance abuser and alternative-to-incarceration populations; and conflict resolution workshops. I agree that the idea of, teaching abuse like etiquette, in the form of curriculum in schools, community centers, and universities is indeed different, but a good start.

Do keep up the good work. I endorse your move to bring attention to abuse awareness and your new endeavor to put a BAN-ON-BULLYING.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Charles B. Rangel in black ink, written over the typed name and title.

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